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	09/764,302	TSUCHIMURA ET AL.
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-8, 10-13, 24-26, 28-31, 42-44 and 46-49 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 10-13, 28-31 and 46-49 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6-8, 24-26 and 42-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 4/17/06.
2. Claims 6-8, 10-13, 24-26, 28-31, 42-44 and 46-49 are pending in this application; claims 6, 10, 12, 24, 28, 30, 42, 46 and 48 are independent claims; and claims 10-13, 28-31 and 46-49 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 9, 14-23, 27, 32-41, 45 and 50-54 have been cancelled; and, claims 6, 24-26 and 42-44 have been amended.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claim 6 recites the limitation "said display area" in line 13 of claim 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. Claims 6-8, 24-26, 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rivette et al. ("Rivette").

As per claim 6, Rivette teaches an information display system comprising a display unit including a predetermined display area which is able to be divided into a plurality of divided display areas (fig. 59), an operation unit indicating an item of

information to be displayed in each of the display areas (col. 33, line 66 through col. 34, line 48; *indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of the display areas via operation unit/Screen Layout dialog box*), an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information and a control unit displaying the acquired information in each of the divided display areas (col. 33, line 66 through col. 34, line 48) wherein the display unit displays identifying information for identifying each of the display areas, the control unit when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified through the operation unit, enlarges the display area corresponding to the identifying information and displays only the display area and deletes other display areas (col. 34, lines 38-42; *the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified through the operation unit/Screen Layout dialog box and enlarges the display area corresponding to the identifying information and displays only the display area and deletes other display areas on screen 68*).

As per claim 7, Rivette teaches an information display system wherein the identifying information is displayed within the display area identified by the identifying information when the operation unit detects an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, the display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged (col. 34, lines 38-42).

As per claim 8, Rivette teaches an information display system wherein when the operation unit detects an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, the enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas (col. 34, lines 44-48).

Claims 24 and 42 are individually similar in scope to claim 6 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 25 and 43 are individually similar in scope to claim 7 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 26 and 44 are individually similar in scope to claim 8 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-8, 24-26, 42-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Inquires

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4068. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached at (571) 272-4063.

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